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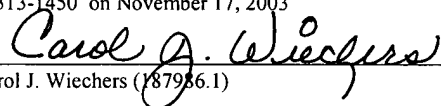
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Dear Commissioner:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2003 ("Action"), which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Because this Reply is submitted within that time limit, no fee is due. However, if any fees are due, you are hereby authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

In response to the Action, please consider the below Amendments and Remarks, which are being submitted in accord with the format approved in the Official Gazette Notice of September 23, 2003, entitled "Amendments Permitted under the Revised Amendment Practice and Treatment of Non-Compliant Amendments," and as codified in 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.